

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>
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Ming Bo Wang et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1638
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For: EFFICIENT GENE SILENCING IN	)	
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**REPLY**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 24, 2009, applicants request reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks which follow: